

HB 2120 - DIGEST

Finds that it is in the best interest of the people of the state of Washington to be able to establish urban impact districts as municipal corporations and independent taxing units to address the particular needs of unincorporated areas that are characterized by urban growth and demand for urban governmental services. These districts are intended to facilitate the annexation or incorporation of unincorporated areas that lie within designated urban growth areas and to provide resources to support the provision of urban governmental services to areas that remain unincorporated.

Provides that the legislative authority of any county that is required to plan under chapter 36.70A RCW is authorized to establish one or more urban impact districts within the county for the purpose of: (1) Providing significant incentives and financial support to cities to promote annexation of unincorporated areas that lie within designated urban growth areas;

(2) Providing incentives and financial support to new cities that may be incorporated within such areas; and

(3) Providing resources to support the provision by the county of urban governmental services to areas that remain outside of incorporated cities.